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Dear well intentioned Department of Justice,

When you're average user buys a computer, he pay's Microsoft an extra \$60 - \$120. For what? For some things that Linux does better. The illusion is that Windows is easier to use. In fact, the learning curb on some Linux distributions is much less starting from scratch then for Windows. Since these distributions are free, and since you do not have the option of getting Linux machines at most stores because of Microsoft market control, Microsoft is basically stealing \$100 from everyone who buys a computer, not to mention limiting innovation and competition between operating systems.

What's worse is the "Micorsoft office suite", which runs hundreds of dollars, compared to the equivalent software for Linux, which runs tens of dollars or often is just free.

Also, if there is a problem with Linux software, chances are you can get something done about it. And legally, you are usually allowed to try. Not so with Microsoft. Microsoft encourages people to accept failure, not think, and blame thier problems on others.

How many community colleges offer courses in how to use Windows? Many indeed. How about Linux courses? This much rarer. What is more needed? I want to study Linux in school right now, but there just isn't anything besides a 1 credit computer lab. On the other hand, there's at least 20 credits offered here (Olympic college in Bremerton WA) in using the Microsoft office suite. Microsoft is socially and intellectually damning.

If Jesus from the New Testament were here, would he support Windows or Linux? He certainly would not support Microsoft.

Please end this social/economic abomination. Please bring us justice.

Patriotically yours,

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